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**FISH NOT DISEASED.****So Fish Commission Expert Reports on Spurling Driven Ashore.**

A letter has been received from Dr. Carl von Alsberg of the United States fish commission, stating that the herring sent to him by the local board of health for examination show nothing abnormal about their condition and no disease. It has been suggested that the fish might be diseased, dying from some such cause before being cast up along the shores. Dr. von Alsberg's statement should relieve all doubt on this score.

It has been the theory of the clerk of the board of health that the unusual number of spurling and herring about the shores is caused by some larger fish driving them from their usual habitat and into the shoal waters of the shores, where they are again pursued and eaten by the hake and pollock. The condition of the shores today is very satisfactory, although more fish are liable to be driven ashore at any time.

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**CONVERSION PLANT.****May Be Established at This Port By the State.****Fish and Game Commissioners Convinced There is Profit in Dogfish.**

The Massachusetts fish and game commissioners have returned from their Canadian tour convinced, so they say, that the dogfish, that bane of the New England fishermen, may be converted into fertilizer, lubricating oil, gloves, polishing leather, not to mention a few other by-products, at a profit.

The itinerary of the board included the experimental conversion plants maintained by the Canadian government at Canso, N. S. Tignish, P. E. I., Shippigan, N. B.

It is possible that a dogfish conversion plant may be established at this port or some other convenient point, and fishermen when they find their trawls loaded with these pestiferous little sharks or their seines filled with them to the exclusion of mackerel and other market fish, may, instead of throwing them into the sea, accompanied by maledictions, find a market for them ashore.

We trust that this settlement of the dogfish question may soon be put in practice.

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**HAUL IN NORTH BAY.****Sch. Pinta Got Fifteen Barrels Large Fat Mackerel.**

Sch. Pinta, Capt. Douglass McLean, made a haul in North Bay a few days ago, getting 15 barrels of mackerel. It breezed up and the craft harbored at Souris, P. E. I. Letters from the vessel state that the fish are large and very fat. Several schools were seen and Capt. McLean, as well as the other skippers down there think the prospect is good.

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**DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.****Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

Sch. Grace Darling, Rips.  
Sch. Pythian, Rips, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.

**Today's Fish Market.**

Round pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.; gutted 80 cents.  
Salt Rips, cod, large, \$4.25, mediums, \$3.25; snapper \$2.  
Salt Georges cod, large \$4.25, mediums, \$3.25.  
Grand Bank fresh cod, \$2.00 per cwt. for large, \$1.60 for mediums.  
Salt bank dory handline cod, \$4 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.  
Bank halibut 9 cts. per lb. for white and 7 cts. for gray.

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Flitched halibut, 7 1-4 cents per lb.  
Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.  
Salt mackerel, \$20 per bbl.  
Eastern salt shack trip cod, \$3.80 per cwt. for large and \$3.15 for markets.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2.30; mediums, \$1.75; Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.60; cusk, \$1.60 to \$1.65; haddock, \$1.00; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, to 80 cts.

**Boston.**

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 12,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 2500 hake.

Sch. Metacommet, 1000 haddock, 4000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 3500 pollock.

Sch. Nettie Franklin, 20,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Terra Nova, 32,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 25,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 15,000 hake.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Diana, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Azorean, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Galatea, 1200 haddock, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Motor, 25 swordfish.

Sch. Slade Gorton, 40,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. P. P. Manta, 10,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2; hake, 60 cts. to \$1.50; pollock, \$2; swordfish, 12 1-2 cts. per lb.

**Fishing Fleet Movements.**

Schs. John R. Bradley and Alice R. Lawson of the dory handline set were at Canso, N. S., yesterday. The Bradley was well fished.

Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, which was in at a Nova Scotia port a few days ago, had 225,000 pounds of salt cod on board. The Goodwin is dory handlining and sailed from here July 1.

Schs. Smuggler was at Canso, N. S., Monday.

Schs. Monitor and Ella M. Goodwin sailed from there the same day.

Sch. George Parker was at Liverpool, N. S., on Monday.

Sch. Loren B. Snow, which was here a short time ago with halibut and salt cod, was at Yarmouth a few days ago with 10,000 pounds of halibut and 10,000 pounds of salt fish.

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**IN SOUTH CHANNEL.****Sch. Valentinna Sailed Through Several Schools of Mackerel.****Sch. Oriole Reports Very Bad Weather in North Bay.**

Three of the seining fleet, schs. Grayling, Elmer E. Gray and Thomas J. Carroll, arrived this morning with no fish. Sch. Thomas J. Carroll will now fit for single dory market fishing and Capt. Charles Forbes will continue in command, and sch. Elmer E. Gray will fit for haddocking under command of Capt. Frank Enslow.

Sch. Valentinna, one of the swordfishing fleet, which arrived at Boston this morning reports mackerel in South Channel. Capt. Charles Neal of the craft is positive the schools seen were mackerel as he sailed right through some of them to make sure. He reports seeing quite a number of schools.

A letter from sch. Oriole, dated at Souris, P. E. I., August 31, reports the vessel at that port with 22 barrels of salt medium mackerel, taken off there before a heavy breeze came on which they were then riding out in the harbor. Capt. Morgan reported very bad weather and not many fish showing.

**LOST LOTS OF TRAWLS.****Sch. Mystery Had Hard Luck on Sable Island Ground.**

Sch. Mystery, Capt. William W. Goodwin, which arrived yesterday afternoon was certainly in hard luck, for she lost all her trawls. The vessel had been fishing on the Sable Island ground and finding good fishing had a fine start for a big fare. A few days ago the trawls were set out as usual, but before they could get on them to haul, a heavy breeze sprang up, and when it was over not even so much as a buoy could be found.

It is reported that other vessels also lost considerable gear in the same breeze.

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**Good Stock.**

Sch. Mina Swim, Capt. Colin Nickerson, stocked \$2954.38 as the result of her short dory handline codfishing trip.

**Halibut Sale.**

The fare of sch. Atalanta was sold to the American Halibut Co.

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**Another Dory Handline Trip.**

Sch. Dora A. Lawson, another of the dory handline fleet, arrived this morning with a good fare, 250,000 pounds of salt cod.

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Sch. Dora A. Lawson, Quero Bank, dory handlining 250,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Atalanta, Bacallieu Bank, 20,000 lbs. halibut, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish, 12,000 lbs. salt cod, 1000 lbs. flitched halibut.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Myra Sears, Maine port, cured fish.

Sch. Grayling, seining.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, seining.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, seining.

Sch. Mystery, La Have Bank, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Slade Gorton, via Boston.

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**Boston.**

Sch. Dorothy, 10,000 cod.

Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 1000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. Stranger, 16,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Leo, 1000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. Arbitrator, 16,000 haddock, 28,000 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Valentinna, 12 swordfish.

Sch. Mattie D. Brudage, 15,000 cod.

Sch. James and Esther, 35,000 cod.

Sch. Flavilla, 6000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 4000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Mabel Bryson, 21 swordfish.

Sch. Tartar, 50,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 9000 hake.

Sch. Gov. Russell, 12,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Emilia Enos, 5000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 hake.

Haddock, \$1.75 to \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$1.75; hake, \$1 to \$2.25; pollock, \$2; swordfish, 12 1-2 cts. per lb.

**Fishing Fleet Movements.**

Sch. Grace Darling came down from Boston yesterday to have a new main mast stepped. She was not from the fishing grounds and had no fish, as previously reported.

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**Made Big Trip.**

Capt. Manuel C. Santos' good luck on his last trip in sch. Mary C. Santos, which ended at T wharf yesterday, was the subject of conversation at the wharf yesterday morning. Capt. Santos has fished only two days, but had a big catch, and even at the low prices paid yesterday got \$2000 for his fish, which gave each of his men a share of \$50.



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**MACKEREL NEWS.****Salt and Fresh Receipts Behind Those of 1907.**

Sch. Arthur James arrived home this morning from a seining trip out around Block Island.

Sch. A. M. Nicholson, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, sailed yesterday on a shore mackerel trip and will later go to the Bay.

Sch. Nellie Dixon is at Boston this morning from out around Block Island, with no mackerel.

The catch of salt mackerel to date is about 18,900 barrels against 28,300 barrels at this time last year.

The imports of new salt mackerel at Boston to date are 17,975 barrels against 7274 barrels at this time last year.

The catch of fresh mackerel to date is 46,500 barrels against 50,600 barrels at this time last year.

The imports of fresh mackerel at Boston to date are 6670 barrels, against 4986 barrels at this time last year.

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**MADE BIG STOCK.****Sch. Tattler Realized \$15,353 on 417,794 Pounds Salt Cod.****Capt. Alden Geel's Remarkable Record Dory Handlining.**

Sch. Tattler, Capt. Alden Geel, which arrived a few days ago from a dory handline salt cod fishing trip to Quero bank, weighed off 417,794 pounds of salt cod as the result of the trip.

The vessel sailed from here April 26 and arrived August 31, and in that time on the large fare above noted, made the magnificent stock of \$15,353.22. Every man on board made a good summer's work and Mr. Orlando Goodwin, a well-known fisherman and handliner of experience, was high line with a share of \$387.29.

Last year Capt. Geel landed the biggest fare and made the biggest stock ever recorded for a bank dory handline trip and this year he came close to that big record, having only 30,000 pounds less than on that memorable trip.

Capt. Geel, who is one of the shining lights of the salt bank fishery, has thus made a very remarkable record at dory handlining and it is doubtful if his performance of catching 865,621 pounds of salt cod, with a stock of \$32,559.94 on the same, on two dory handline trips in two consecutive seasons will ever be equalled. This remarkable work was done in 29 weeks, the 1907 trip consuming 11 weeks and the trip this year 18 weeks.

Capt. Geel believes that there will be no trouble in securing another good fare this year before the season closes, as there were fish and squid in goodly quantities on the bank when he left for home, a short while ago, and is therefore fitting sch. Tattler for another trip.

**MORE COD COMING.****Another Nova Scotia Craft Bound Here with 300,000 Pounds.**

Another of the fishing fleet of W. C. Smith of Lunenburg, N. S., is bound to this port with 300,000 pounds of salt bank cod, the fare being sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co., George Perkins & Son and William F. Moore & Co.

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**FROM BANK BRADELLE.****Sch. James A. Garfield Brings Trip of Large Cod.**

Sch. James A. Garfield, Capt. Dominick Arsenault, arrived yesterday from Bank Bradelle, Gulf of St. Lawrence, with a fare of 80,000 pounds of salt cod, the large, thick fish for which this ground is famous and which no Gloucester craft has visited on a similar trip for several years.

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**BIG WORK.****Crew of Sch. Mary E. Cooney Shared \$900 Since January 20.****Capt. Cooney and Crew Taking Well Earned Vacation.**

Sch. Mary E. Cooney is being painted and fixed up, preliminary to beginning fall and winter market fishing, and her owner and skipper, Capt. Frank Cooney, is just laying right back and taking all the good of nice little vacation.

Those who know how well Capt. Cooney has been doing do not blame him for a bit for taking a vacation, and believe that he has earned it.

On her last trip, landed at this port August 27, the vessel stocked \$1650, and on this the crew shared \$60 each. Since January 20 of the present year, up to and including the trip above mentioned, Capt. Cooney has done remarkably well, so well indeed that in that time his crew has shared about \$900 to a man and still have over four months to go before the vessel's year will be up, which means that with ordinary good fortune and good fishing, their share for 1908 will be one well worth taking and making a note of.

**Salt Banker Doing Well.**

A letter from second hand Loring on board of sch. Gladstone of Provincetown, engaged in salt banking, dated Quereau Bank, Aug. 11, stated that the craft was getting cod at the rate of 50 quintals daily and expected to be through fishing early in September.

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**Fine Trip.**

Sch. Olympia, one of the Rips fleet, is at this port this morning with a fine fare, 50,000 pounds of salt cod.

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**HIGH LINE SWORDER.****Sch. Motor Leads Fleet with Stock of \$7000.****Sch. Valentinna Second with Shares of \$380 for Crew.**

Capt. Herbert Pennington of the swordfishman Motor has a sure grip on the honor of being high-liner in that fishery this year. He returned from his fifth and last trip of the season yesterday with 25 fish; the smallest catch he has made but which gave him a total of 254 fish taken. His season began in June, and in the three months of fishing he stocked nearly \$7000, and each of his men received as his part of the money taken \$406.

Sch. Valentinna, which came in this morning with 13 swordfish, is second on the list. Capt. Neally had not made up his stock this morning, but figured that his men would share each \$380 for their work in sword-fishing.

**DOGFISH SWARMED.****Sch. Leo Struck Them Solid on Her Maiden Trip.**

The new schooner, Leo, Capt. William Devine, was at 1 wharf, Boston, yesterday morning from her first trip. Capt. Devine did not have a big lot of fish, but had an experience such as he had never had before. The Leo is a handliner and fished at the Rips. The men found dog fish there in large numbers. Time and again they would put in their lines, only to find a dogfish on each of the two hooks. After several days of this kind of fishing Capt. Devine became disgusted and put back to Boston. It is unusual to find the dogfish in such numbers on the Rips.

**Halibut Sale.**

The fare of sch. Teazer sold to the New England Fish Co. at 9 cents per pound for white and 7 1-2 cents for gray.

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Sch. W. H. Moody, Georges, 20,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Olympia, Rips, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Arthur James, Block Island, 4 bbls. salt bullseye mackerel.

Sch. Rena A. Percy, Cashes, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Sheffeyld, Rips, 25,000 lbs. salt cod.

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**Boston.**

Sch. Mattakesett, 15,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 30,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Harmony, 43,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Minerva, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Victor and Ethan, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod, 14,000 hake, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 18,000 pollock.

Sch. Albert W. Black, 12 swordfish.

Sch. Nellie Dixon.

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$3.25; market cod, \$1.85 to \$2; hake, \$1 to \$2; pollock, \$2.

**Fishing Fleet Movements.**

Sch. Lizzie Griffin was at Canso, N. S., on Wednesday.

The big gasoline auxiliary sch. Elizabeth Silsbee is fitting for haddocking under command of Capt. John Lowrie.

Capt. Frank Enslow is fitting sch. Elmer E. Gray for haddocking.

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**ANOTHER FLITCHER HOME****Sch. Fannie A. Smith Arrived from Bacalieu Bank.****Reports Halibut Scarce but Good Cod Fishing.**

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Capt. Joseph Bonia, arrived home this morning, being the second of the flitcher halibut fleet to arrive this season. The vessel sailed from here May 28 and has about 75,000 pounds of flitcher halibut and 60,000 pounds of salt cod.

Capt. Bonia reports finishing up on his fare in latitude 49, and that schs. Massachusetts, S. P. Willard, Henry M. Stanley, Essex and Oregon were in that vicinity when he left for home, the latter craft having come there recently from the northward. Halibut were not plentiful but there was good cod-fishing and some of the salt bankers were fishing about 20 miles from the halibuter.

Capt. Bonia does not think that the fleet is very well fished on halibut and said that to the northward the vessels did practically nothing after the first part of July, the fishing seeming to play out suddenly.